

**Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)  
Meeting Minutes: December 2, 10:00 – 1:00  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Conference Room G09,  
GEF II building, 101 South Webster, Madison**

**Committee members in attendance:** Carol McCartney, Robert Nauta, Dan Duchniak, Stuart Gross, Keith Meyers, Doug Hahn, Mike Carter, Andrew Graham, Jodi Habush Sinykin, Ron Kuehn, DuWayne Johnsrud, and Todd Ambis.

\*Presentations and other materials referenced in the minutes can be found on the GAC web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gac/index.htm>

1. **Introductions** – Introductions were made. Jill Jonas noted that DNR is in the process of hiring five positions to support groundwater quantity work. All of the positions have been posted.
2. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved as written.
3. **Groundwater Management Area Subcommittee status report**

**Gaps & Opportunities Under Wisconsin's Law – A Conservation Report and Toolkit presentation by Jodi Habush Sinykin (see presentation on website)** – Jodi Habush Sinykin handed out copies of the Midwest Environmental Advocates "Protecting Wisconsin's Water – A Conservation Report and Toolkit" and summarized its findings. The report is available at [www.midwestadvocates.org](http://www.midwestadvocates.org). Sinykin emphasized removing legal impediments and promoted lowering the 2,000,000 gal/day trigger for conservation requirements to 100,000 gal/day. Kuehn, offered congratulations on the document and suggested that the committee focus on a single issue such as the opt-out component. After discussion of the opt-out component the committee found that the issue was difficult to single out from other issues. It was decided that the subcommittee should draft a document dealing with all the conservation issues. Bob Nauta volunteered to take the lead on coordinating the effort.

Bob Biebel reported that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was putting together a state-of-the-art water supply management plan and expected to have a draft done in February. The Committee agreed that it was important to coordinate efforts. Biebel offered to send the committee copies of the relevant components of SEWRPC's draft plan. It was agreed that the Waukesha conservation plan should be considered as well. Sinykin volunteered to be a liaison with the SEWRPC water supply planning committee.

**Groundwater Management Framework Tasks** - Andrew Graham suggested a review of the subcommittee's tasks as laid out in the Groundwater Management Framework (see updated Framework on website). A brief status report was given for each task where work had been completed and the Framework was updated with task leaders, GAC members, TAC members and/or other assistance for each task. Discussion of John Jansen's Options for Management Plan Goals (Task A) resulted in Committee consensus to support level 3 (highest threshold targets). The subcommittees agreed to meet during the first month after the meeting so that a report can be sent to GAC members prior to the next meeting. Materials for distribution should be sent to Bill Furbish and Jeff Helmuth.

4. **Groundwater Protection Area Subcommittee status report** - Kuehn said the subcommittee continued to progress and that he would give a full report at the next meeting. To allow adequate time, this subcommittee report will be placed early on the February agenda.
5. **2006 Meeting dates** - The following 2006 schedule was agreed on:
  - February 2
  - April 6
  - June 1
  - August 2
  - October 5
  - November 30

Meetings will be from 10:00-1:00 at GEF II, Room G09, except April 6<sup>th</sup> (location to be announced).

6. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 12:35